

GOOD OLD ARMY BEANS.

As Prepared by the Expert Military "Chef," They Are a Most Palatable Food.

"Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer, according to the Philadelphia Record. "The American soldier, at a pinch, can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal the army baked bean. Your celebrated 'Boston baked' are but a poor imitation of the succulent article turned out by a regular army cook. There's an art in cooking them that nobody but an army man can ever acquire. I've been on service when for a week at a time our menu consisted of beans for breakfast, beans for dinner and beans for supper; and did the troopers tire of the monotony? Not a bit of it. They sang for more, and in spite of hard work and lack of variety at mess the fellows actually got fat. That demonstrated to me the nutritive quality of beans, and I made it a point to get into the good graces of the cook and learn how to bake them. It isn't such an elaborate process, but there's a trick in doing it right. My friends are all fond of beans the way I cook them, and many a time I've been asked for the recipe, but that's a thing I don't give away to everyone. You see, people enjoy a dish all the better when they know it's something that not everybody can get up. It might take some of the zest away if they could say of my beans: 'I know how to make them.'"

KNOWLEDGE WAS POWER.

How Familiarity with the Chinese Language Made a Woman a Countess.

One of the unmarried women in diplomatic circles at Washington is Countess Marguerite Cassini, the accomplished niece of the Russian ambassador, who is a countess in her own right, not by heredity, but by special grace of the czar, and a curious story is told of the manner in which she won her title. It was when Count Cassini had his fateful conference with Li Hung Chang at Peking, long before the Boxer trouble. The count's interpreter was away, for Li's call was unexpected, and as the Chinese statesman could not speak Russian and the Russian diplomat did not understand Chinese the conference came to a deadlock. The count's niece, who had picked up something of the language, stepped into the breach and the affair was arranged to the satisfaction of both parties. The Chinese empress loaded her with presents, the czar's government made a note of the service performed, and when there was a question a couple of years ago of the young lady's precedence at Washington, where the count was then ambassador, the czar himself countenanced her rivals by making her a countess. This was something like rapid promotion for the lady.

CHINESE ARMY ROLLS.

They Include with the Soldiers, Their Horses and Every Article of Equipment.

Now that China has Russia for a near neighbor, it remains to be seen how successfully, or otherwise, the middle kingdom will continue to practice its favorite game of bluff. How it has reinforced its army is shown by the Swedish explorer, Herdin, says Youth's Companion.

The Chinese have a most extraordinary way of enumerating troops. They are not content with counting the soldiers only, but reckon in also their horses, rifles, shoes, breeches and so forth, so that the resultant total is a long way above what it ought to be. They apparently go on the supposition that the rifle is at least as valuable as the man, and by an analogous train of reasoning they argue that a man is of little use if he has to travel on foot, that he cannot go about naked, and so on. Hence they count the whole kit, horse, rifle, breeches and all.

By this peculiar process of arithmetic they fancy they deceive the Russians into believing their garrisons much stronger than they are.

NEGROES DON'T MIGRATE.

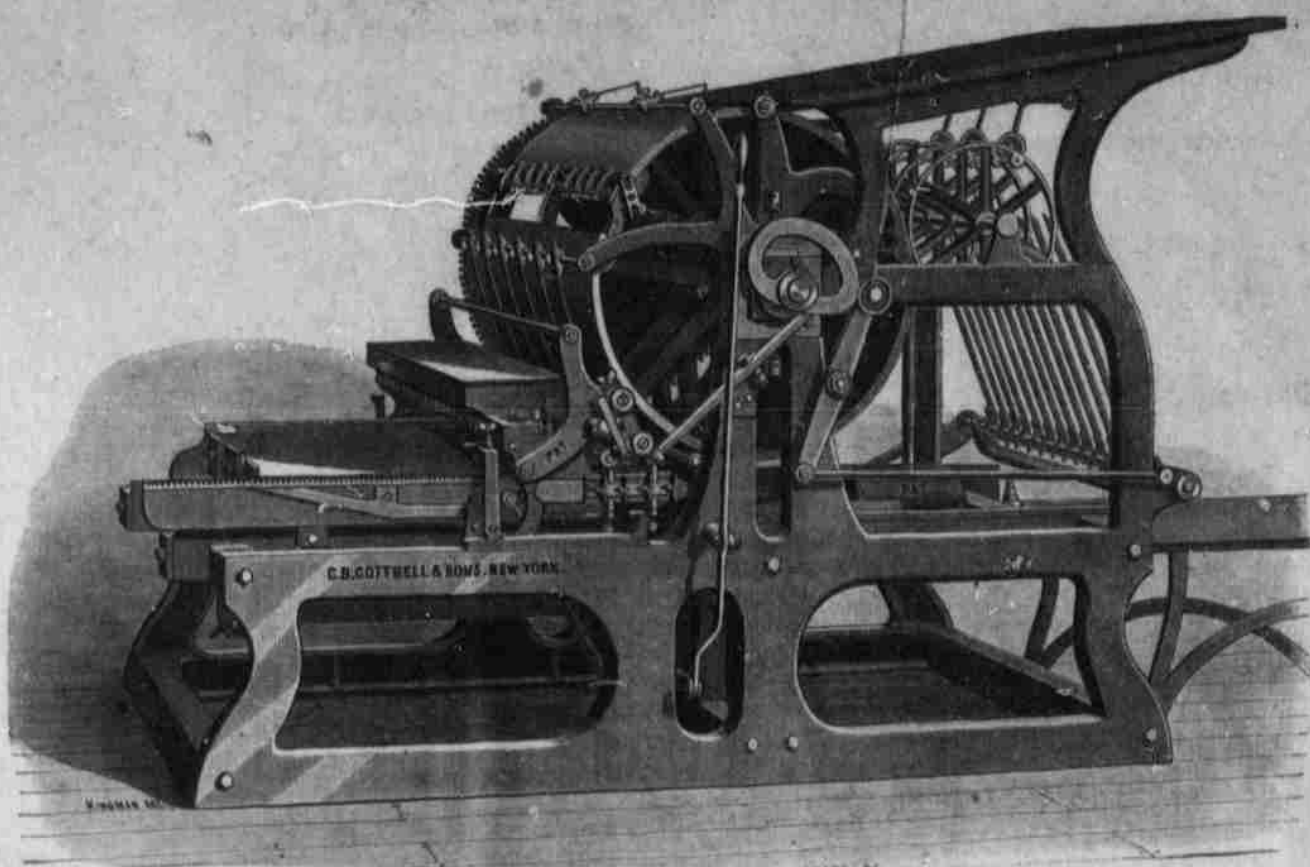
Some Interesting Facts About the Colored Race Revealed by the Recent Census.

There were 6,500,000 colored persons in the United States in 1880, 7,500,000 in 1890, and 8,800,000 in 1900. A "general movement" of colored inhabitants from one state to another or from one section of the country to another, due to economic, political or hygienic reasons, has been declared to be in progress at intervals of two or three years since the close of the civil war.

But the figures of each succeeding census prove that the colored population of the United States is by no means migratory; it changes little year by year except as the result of the ordinary increase in population. Various ambitious projects of leaders to "colonize" certain states have failed entirely. In Kansas, for instance, there are only 9,000 more colored inhabitants than there were 20 years ago, though Kansas has long been the mecca of many colored colonizers.

The Philosopher's Stone.

An Italian having written a book upon the art of making gold, dedicated it to Pope Leo X., expecting a good reward. His holiness, finding that the man constantly followed him, at length gave him a large, empty purse, saying: "Sir, since you can make gold, you can make anything but a purse of the face. It is this."



New Triumph Cottrell printing press installed in the Chieftain office this week, and on which this paper is printed. It is a power press of modern build and has a speed capacity of two thousand per hour.

ROBINS SPOILED THE TENNIS.

Yarn Used to Mark Off Grounds Carried Off by the Busy Red Breasts.

Wishing to hastily improvise a tennis court on the lawn, and having no whitewash with which to mark it out, a Mount Airy family the other day hit upon a novel expedient which was followed by rather curious results, says the Philadelphia Record. A lot of white heavy woolen yarn was procured, and this was fastened down by driving hairpins into the earth. This answered the purpose, and the game proceeded. When the players returned to the lawn after lunch they discovered that the yarn had been pulled up and was wound around the trees like cobwebs. The mischievous boys of the neighborhood were blamed, but more yarn was forthcoming, and the damage was repaired. After several sets had been played the players adjourned to the porch, and presently several robins appeared on the court. The birds at once began to pull up the hairpins, and then each, with an end of yarn in its mouth, began flying gayly among the trees. In a short time they had completed their second destruction of the court and flew away again. "I wouldn't have believed it had I not seen it with my own eyes," said one of the spectators.

CURIOUS FRENCH VERDICTS.

Court Decisions Which Have Displayed the Smallness of the Judicial Rulings.

A curious case was recently decided in a French law court. A boy of eight had received a knife as a birthday gift, and in playing—or quarreling—with a little visitor, a girl of eight, so injured one of her eyes that she entirely lost the sight of it. The judge awarded \$400 damages against the boy's parents and governors, holding that the responsibility of the injury rested with all three, the parents having given the knife and the governors being in charge when the accident happened. Whether a third part of the damages was deducted, by installment, from the lady's salary we are not told, says Westminster Gazette.

A second verdict equally curious was lately given in another provincial court. The leading tradesmen of a country town had decided in conclave to shut up shop on Sundays. One of the number changed his mind and opened as usual. The others brought an action against him on the plea that by this indecision they were losers. The plaintiffs gained their cause, the defendant being compelled to adhere to his bargain. French people, especially country people, are very fond of litigation, and the cheapness, one may say the gratuitousness, of law encourages the propensity. Thus, for abuse or "diffamation" you may put your case in the hands of a judge de paix and get the culprit fined a couple of francs—a great moral victory—yourself not charged one centime! A case of "diffamation" before these rural judges is often amusing enough.

Donald "Verra Froed."

Donald arrived late at his work, and the brow of his employer ominously contracted. "Oh," said Donald, gayly and unconcernedly, "she's a proud mon th' day! a proud mon th' day." "What has happened?" asked the employer. "To make you feel so confoundedly proud all of a sudden?" "Oh, yes," cried Donald, "she's verra proud th' day! very proud th' day." "What is it man?" demanded the employer. "Boots toots, mon!" cried Donald, with great fervor, striking his bosom, "she's another father th' day!"—Scottish American.

For You and Yours

The glad Christmastide we hope will bring only feelings of joy and happiness, and should the exhilarating effects be such as to wish to make others happier, we shall be pleased to assist. For that purpose we have:

Beautiful Pictures, Interesting Books, Useful Toilet Articles, Elegant Plaques and Souvenirs

Some prefer more practical presents even than these. For them we place Holiday prices on up-to-date Suits, Jackets, Skirts and Waists:

All \$15.00 tailor-made suits—Holiday price.....	\$13.00
All \$16.50 suits—Holiday Price.....	\$1.400
All \$20.00 suits—Holiday Price.....	\$17.50
All \$9, 9.48 and 10.00 skirts Holiday Price.....	\$10.00
All \$7.50 skirts—Holiday Price.....	\$5.25
All \$10.00 jackets—Holiday Price.....	\$8.24
All \$8.75 jackets, Holiday price.....	\$7.24
All 7.50 jackets, Holiday Price.....	\$5.98
All 5.00 jackets, Holiday price.....	\$3.99

All 3.95 jackets, Holiday price.....	\$3.21
All 4.48 Flannel waists, Holiday price.....	\$3.57
All 3.98 waists, Holiday price.....	\$3.09
All 3.38 waists Holiday price.....	\$2.59
All 2.98 waists, Holiday price.....	\$2.73
All 2.16 to 2.19 waists, Holiday price.....	\$1.79
All 1.98 waists, Holiday price.....	\$1.53
All 1.69 waists, Holiday price.....	\$1.34
All 1.48 waists, Holiday price.....	\$1.34
All 98c and 1.00 waists, Holiday Price.....	79c
All 78c waists, Holiday price.....	60c
All 48c waists, Holiday price.....	40c

Three Special Values

A beautiful black plush Monte Carlo, handsomely trimmed with black silk and lined with white satin, a Christmas present that will delight any feminine heart ONLY.....

\$25

An elegant red plush Monte Carlo beautifully trimmed, worth \$22.50 will be sold for ONLY.....

\$16.50

A black plush short plush short jacket, elegantly trimmed with jet, a gem in its class ONLY.....

\$14.98

The Golden Rule

The Store Where a Dollar Goes the Farthest.

Joe Davis' Barber Shop.

I have just furnished my shop with new, up-to-date furniture and have refitted the bath rooms, making of this shop one of the finest in the Indian Territory. Call and see us.

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Notice.

Of filing of executors and administrators reports in the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory sitting at Vinita.

To Whom it may Concern: Notice is hereby given that the following executors and administrators have filed accounts current and reports for settlement in the estates herein after named which stands for confirmation at the January 1903 term of said court:

No. 106. William M. Hall, administrator of the estate of William Leege, filed third annual report and account current on Dec. 17th, 1902.

No. 153. Administrator's first annual settlement filed in the estate of William Towers, deceased.

No. 158. J. W. Drake, administrator of the estate of Alexander McDaniel, deceased, filed settlement on Dec. 17th, 1902.

No. 160. James W. Shipman, administrator of the estate of Price or Keller Whitedeer, filed final report and settlement on Dec. 17th, 1902.

No. 190. William M. Hall, administrator of the estate of Price or Keller Whitedeer, filed final report and settlement on Dec. 17th, 1902.

No. 193. Thomas Howie, administrator of the estate of S. W. Daie, deceased, filed first annual settlement.

No. 222. Annie E. Sheehan, administratrix of the estate of William H. Sheehan, deceased, filed her final report and settlement on July 14, 1902.

No. 292. V. I. Shurtleff, administrator of the estate of John A. Eaton, deceased, filed his first annual report as amended.

No. 297. Fannie Perry, administratrix of the estate of S. A. Perry, deceased, filed her first annual settlement.

No. 405. Eliza Kuhn, administratrix of the estate of Michael Kuhn, deceased, filed her first annual settlement of July 17, 1902.

Any person interested in the settlement of the accounts so filed in said estates, or any one in any one of said settlements, or others desiring to file exceptions thereto, are hereby directed to make same on or before the second day of the next term of court to be held at Vinita, Indian Territory, commencing on the 26th day of January, 1903, or they will be forever barred from excepting to said accounts or any item in said reports.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court at Vinita, Indian Territory, on the 22nd day of December, 1902.

CHAS. A. DAVIDSON, Clerk.
By T. A. Chandler, Deputy.

Palatial Barber Shop.

Joe Davis has caught the spirit of the times and got a Vinita move on himself by purchasing the finest set of barber's furniture perhaps ever shipped into the territory. The outfit consists of four chairs of the very best and latest make with mirror, marble top fountain, and every thing usually found in a city barber shop. Vinita is to be congratulated on the possession of such a swell barber parlor. Joe has a good patronage and deserves it all.

A Cold Wave

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health, and probably my life." It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membrane and strengthens the lungs. A. W. Foreman, dr.

thousand Dollars' Worth of Good

A. H. Thurmes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines. I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys, and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good." Sold by People's drug store. dr

Saved At Grave's Brink.

"I know I would not have been in my grave," writes Mr. S. H. Newman, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst form of indigestion, water-brash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive guaranteed cure. Only 50c at People's and A. W. Foreman's drug stores dr

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.

Heals all classes of food, food and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures dyspepsia, indigestion, stomach trouble and makes rich red blood, builds up strength. Kodol rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Dr. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." A. W. Foreman, dr

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